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SUBJECT: EC FISHERIES COMMISSIONER MEETING IN LONDON

1. EC AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES COMMISSIONER FINN OLAV GUNDELACH MET WITH UK MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD JOHN SILKIN IN LONDON ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, IN HOPES OF ENDING THE IMPASSE ON THE EC COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (CFP). MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD SOURCES ADVISE THAT NO BREAKTHROUGH OCCURRED, AND ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT A SETTLEMENT THIS YEAR. (THE HOPE WAS THAT A DEAL SUFFICIENTLY IN THE UK'S FAVOR MIGHT BE PRESENTED TO UK VOTERS AS A PRE-ELECTION TRIUMPH, BUT THIS HOPE HAS NOW BEEN DASHED.)
2. LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE JANUARY, WHEN SILKIN STAYED AWAY FROM THE UNOFFICIAL MEETING OF EC FISHERIES MINISTERS IN BERLIN, WHERE THE OTHER EC-EIGHT AGREED TO IMPLEMENT ELEMENTS OF THE CFP THAT WERE NOT IN DISPUTE. THE UK HAS NOT ACCEPTED THIS "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT."

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